signals crosses a public property from the public road, etc. permission have to Telegraph Authority would be obtained.

(c) No, Sir.

Release of Wheat for Rural Employment Programmes

1331. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have considered a proposal for release of wheat from the Central stocks for the irra] employment programme;

(b) jf so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is th,? 'itock of foodgrains proposed to fee released by Government during the current year,

(d) what is the stock of foodgrains lying with the Central and the State Governments at present; and

(e) the extent to which the rural employment programme is likely to be benefited by the release of the foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a; to *(c)* According to guidelines for implementation of rural employment programme (NREP/RLEGP), 1 Kg. of subsidised foodgrains are requited to be given as part of wages to tne workers under these programmes. Foodgrains, inc'uding wheat, for this purpose are released from the Central stocks. During 1935-86 it has been led to give 1 million tonnes of wheat to different States/UTs under rural employment programmes (NREP/RLEGP) as an additionally over and above the normal allocations of resources made under these programmes. The cost of this wheat is to be met entirely by the Centre. At leapt 40 per cent of the wages are now required to be paid in foodgrains.

(d) The position' of foodgrains stock with public agencies (Central & States) as on 1-2-86 is estimated at 23 75 million tonnes (16.76 million tonnes with FCI and 6.99 million tonnes with States).

(e) Utilisation of additional wheat' *is* likely to generate 50 million man-days of additional employment during the current year.

Viability Report of the Employees of the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited

1312. SHRi SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased t0 state:

(a) whether Government have re ceived a viability report prepared by the Joint Committee of the employees of the Hindustan Steelworks Corut-ruction Limited high-lighting the ways to make the unit viable,

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what action 'Government' have so far taken on that report; and

(d) if he action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT). <a> Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government has taken into consideration the alter natives suggested in the memorandum, and is examining various strategic? to deal with the problems of heavy accumulated losses and surplus, labour in the company.

Appointment of I.A.S. officers as heads of A.I.R. and Doordarshan

1313. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA;

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased t'> state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the retirement of Director General of All India Radio in 1S32 the post was not filled up by the departmenta: promotion of the eligible officer but an outsider belonging to I.A.S. tidre was appointed by revising the recruitment ru'es and consequent on his relinquishing charge in February, 1985,